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In re Patent Application of:
Hideaki Hirai, et al.

Examiner: Nabil Z. Hindi

Application No.: 10/086,442

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For: OPTICAL ELEMENT, OPTICAL PICKUP
UNIT, AND OPTICAL DISK DRIVE UNIT

**REQUEST TO CORRECT INVENTORSHIP BY ADDING HIROSHI AKIYAMA
AS AN INVENTOR**

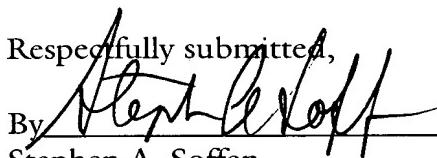
Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that Hiroshi Akiyama be added as an inventor for the above-referenced U.S. patent application. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.48 (a), please find enclosed the following items: 1) the present Request to Correct Inventorship; 2) a Statement of Hiroshi Akiyama that the error in inventorship occurred without deceptive intention on his part; 3) a Declaration and Assignment by the actual inventors as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.63; 4) the PTO processing fee of \$130.00; and 5) the Written Consent of the Assignee to add Hiroshi Akiyama as an inventor. The Examiner's approval is respectfully solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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STATEMENT OF HIROSHI AKIYAMA

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Dear Sir:

The above-referenced application originally named Hideaki Hirai and Shigeru Ohuchida as co-inventors. I, Hiroshi Akiyama, should be added as a co-inventor. The error in inventorship occurred without deceptive intention on my part.

Hiroshi Akiyama
Hiroshi Akiyama

Date: March 16, 2005



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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

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Prior Foreign Application(s)

外国での先行出願

as per attached

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120 of any United States application(s), or 365(c) of any PCT International application designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application.

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Prior Foreign Application(s) Priority
Claimed

Patent Application

No. 2001-063513 Japan 7/March/2001 Yes
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Patent Application

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委任状： 私は本出願を審査する手続を行い、且つ米国特許商標庁との全ての業務を遂行するために、記名された発明者として、下記の弁護士及び／または弁理士を任命する。（氏名及び登録番号を記載すること）

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